

ARLINGTON FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES OF MEETING
7:30PM O'NEIL ROOM COMMUNITY SAFETY BUILDING
2/29/12

ATTENDEES:

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| Bayer* | Padaria | Jenkins* | White* | McKenna* |
| DeCoursey | Connors | Simmons* | Gibian* | |
| Tosti | Foskett* | Deyst* | Ronan | |
| Ferrara | Beck* | Jones* | Deshler* | |
| Franclemont* | Howard* | Fanning* | Carman | Turkall* |

* Indicates present

VISITORS: CoA Chair Karen Nickols, ACMI Video Camera

CHAIR: The meeting was chaired by Al Jones.

MINUTES: The minutes of 2/27 were accepted as corrected. Unanimous.

ART 55 HARRY BARBER PROGRAM: Nickols reviewed this program which hires a few low income (food stamps, senior housing) residents for 100 hrs each to work for Town departments at minimum wage. She has identified 5 positions. Last year this program was not funded in exchange for a part time nurse. She requested \$3750.

COA TRANSPORTATION EF: HumServ SubCom (Franclemont) reported that the balance in the fund was \$97K in July. She will ask Connolly to explain how this money was spent when she visits the FinCom next week.

BUD 11 TOWN CLERK: GenGov SubCom (Howard) recommended the budget as printed. The dept reported no vacation carry over. VOTED \$238,057 Unanimous.

BUD 12 REGISTRARS: GenGov SubCom (Howard) recommended the budget as printed. Recognizing Miksis's election support as personnel expense was accepted. VOTED \$53,114. Unanimous

BUD 18c FIRE: PubSafe SubCom (Bayer) recommended the budget as printed. He reported 5 vacancies for most of FY12 because of backlog at the academy. Because of this, the 2nd ambulance was manned only part of the time. The Chief is considering reducing the number assigned to fire vehicles by one in order to man the 2nd ambulance. There are an average of 6 calls/day and 2/night. Also 500 calls/yr to Armstrong. Bayer will inquire about the large increase in the fuel budgets and the 3d party payments offset. VOTED to table pending this info. Unanimous.

CENTRAL FIRE STATION: Foskett reported that repairs were done to the outside.

These will not be redone when the general renovation takes place

BUD 14 PLANNING: GenGov SubCom (Howard) recommended the budget as printed. The personnel services budget is increased because of reductions in the CDBG grant which had supported some of this staff. The economic development coordinator position approved last year is expected to be filled soon. The Wetlands Fund may be able to contribute more to this budget. VOTED \$378,708. Unanimous.

BUD 15 REDEVELOPMENT: GenGov SubCom (Howard) recommended the budget as printed. The department was unable to provide an update to the annual income and expense summary of the buildings managed because of difficulty filling a part time position to do this work. An RFP for the Crosby sale will be published soon. The separate budgets were VOTED individually for a total of \$277,267. Unanimous

BUD 22a HEALTH & HUMAN SERVICES: HumServ SubCom (Franclemont) recommended the budget as printed. The sealer of weights & measures is now a regionalized position. Only Arlington's portion of the salary is shown. VOTED \$312,156 Unanimous.

COMMITTEE: Next mtg 3/7.

RESERVE FUND BALANCE: \$618,975. \$1,025 was transferred to the Committee on Tourism & Economic Development. See minutes of 11/2/11.

Peter Howard 3/2/12 Revised 3/5/12 , 3/5/12

cc FinCom Members, Town Web Site, Robbins Library